

### **MCAGCC Twentynine Palms Land Expansion**

The Department of the Navy (DoN) is preparing a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study alternatives for meeting Marine Corps Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) sustained, combined arms, live-fire and maneuver training requirements. The proposed action is to request the withdrawal of public lands, acquire privately owned lands, and to seek the establishment of Special Use Airspace with the effect of expanding the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California. The DoN will prepare the EIS in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and Federal Aviation Administration.

The EIS will consider alternatives for the proposed acquisition of training land and accompanying Special Use Airspace sufficient to meet the training requirements for three MEB battalion Ground and Air Combat Elements to simultaneously maneuver for 48-72 hours, using combined-arms and live fire with their supporting Logistics Combat Element and Command Element. To meet MEB training requirements, which utilize weapons systems and platforms currently and foreseeable in the Marine Corps inventory, more military range land and airspace than is now available anywhere in the United States would be required.